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SUBJECT CARDINAL PIGNEDOLI VISIT TO SOUTH AFRICA

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1. VATICAN OFFICAL CONFIRMED TO US THAT CARDINAL PIGNEDOLI IS EXPECTED TO PROVIDE POPE PAUL WITH SPECIAL BRIEFING ON THE SITUATION PREVAILING IN SOUTH AFRICA.

2. THE VATICAN IS FOLLOWING VERY ATTENTIVELY THE DIFFICULTIES OF THE YOUNG CHRISTAIN WORKERS BUT HAS REFRAINED FROM COMMENT-ING UPON THE ISSUE, PROBABLY PENDING A FIRST HAND REPORT FROM CARDINAL PIGNEDOLI, WHO IS EXPECTED TO RETURN THIS WEEK.

(COMMENT: THE VATICAN HAS CONSISTENTLY OPPOSED SOUTH AFRICA'S APARTHEID POLICIES. AT THE WORLD CONFERENCE FOR ACTION AGAINST APARTHEID, HELD IN LAGOS IN AUGUST 1977, THE VATICAN

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REPRESENTATIVE STATED THAT "THE HOLY SEE DEPLORES THE SOCIAL SITUATIONS DIRECTLY RESULTING FROM APARTHEID, AN UNJUST SYSTEM BASED UPON RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, AND CONSIDERS THEM AS A MANIFEST AND INSADMISSABLE EFFORT TO THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF THE HUMAN PERSON." SINCE THEN, POPE PAUL, IN HIS 1978 ADDRESS TO THE VATICAN DIPLOMATIC CORPS MADE HUMAN RIGHTS THE CENTER-PIECE OF HIS DISCOURSE AND PLACED THE VATICAN AND THE CATHOLIC

CHURCH STRONGLY BEHIND EFFORTS TO PROMOTE HUMAN RIGHTS THROUGH-
OUT THE WORLD. IN THAT ADDRESS HE SPECIFICALLY DECLARED THAT,
"ALL RACIAL THEORIES ARE CONTRARY TO THE CHRISTIAN FAITH."
END COMMENT.)

3. WE EXPECT TO SEE CARDINAL PIGNEDOLI UPON HIS RETURN AND AS
SUGGESTED IN REFTEL WILL SEEK HIS ASSESSMENT OF CURRENT
DIFFICULTIES OF THE YOUNG CHRISTIAN WORKERS AND GENERALLY ON
ATTITUDES OF SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT TOWARD CHURCH'S EDUC-
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